

REMARKS

No new matter is being presented.

The Supplemental Amendment is being filed responsive to an Examiner Interview conducted on or about January 6, 2004, in which the Examiner suggested claim language for claims 47 and 51. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 47 and 51, amended as suggested by the Examiner, overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner's assistance being highly appreciated.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

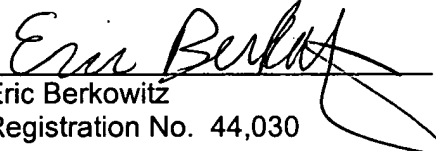
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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